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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Appln. of: Minoru Kuroda et al

Appln. No.: 10/583,242

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Filed: June 16, 2006

For: **STEP PILE FABRIC AND PROCESS FOR  
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**Attached is/are:**

- ☒ Transmittal (in Duplicate); Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement; Form PTO-1449; and a Copy of Each Listed Reference for Which a Copy is Required.
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

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- ☒ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ Small Entity.
- ☐ An extension fee in an amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for a \_\_\_\_\_-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).
- ☐ A petition or processing fee in an amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(\_\_\_\_\_).
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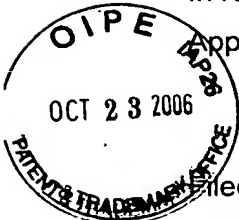
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_. A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.
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Respectfully submitted,

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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), Applicant hereby cites the following reference(s):

**OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)**

International Preliminary Report on Patentability (Chapter I of the Patent Cooperation Treaty) from Corresponding International Application No. PCT/JP2004/019726, dated August 22, 2006, 5 pages.

Applicant is enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). As each of the listed references is in English, no further commentary is believed to be necessary, 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3). Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's consideration of the above reference(s) and entry thereof into the record of this application.

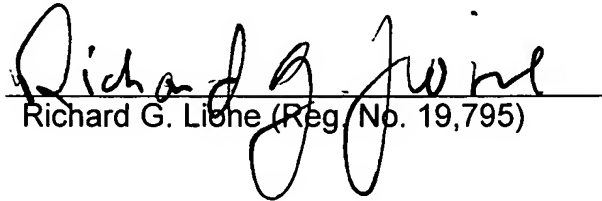
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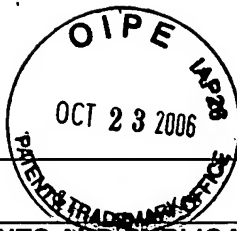
Applicant has calculated no fee to be due in connection with the filing of this Statement. However, the Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency associated with the filing of this Statement to a deposit account, as authorized in the Transmittal accompanying this Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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